

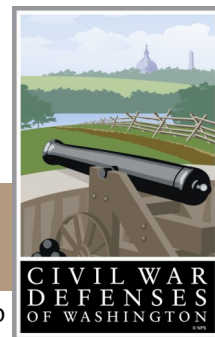
Civil War Defenses of Washington NEWSLETTER

Fort Marcy	Fort Reno	Battleground	Fort Slocum	Fort Mahan	Fort Davis	Battery Carroll
Battery Kemble	Fort DeRussy	National	Fort Totten	Fort Chaplin	Fort Stanton	Fort Greble
Fort Bayard	Fort Stevens	Cemetery	Fort Bunker Hill	Fort Dupont	Fort Ricketts	Fort Foote

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\$1.2 MILLION IN RECOVERY ACT FUNDS TO MAKE REPAIRS AT BATTLEGROUND NATIONAL CEMETERY



Superintendent's Lodge at Battleground
National Cemetery circa 1907

The 150th anniversary of the only Civil War battle fought within the nation's capital, the Battle of Fort Stevens, is approaching in 2014. To prepare, Rock Creek Park has been granted \$1.2 million of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to rehabilitate the Superintendent's Lodge and Rostrum at Battleground National Cemetery. Dedicated by Abraham Lincoln in 1864, the cemetery is the resting place for 40 Union soldiers who died during the two-day battle of Fort Stevens.

Battleground National Cemetery is located in the Brightwood community along Georgia Avenue. The Lodge was designed from standardized plans by Montgomery C. Meigs, Quartermaster General for the Union

Army, and served as the home and office for the Superintendent of the cemetery until 1934. Meigs' own staff helped defend Washington during the Battle of Fort Stevens by helping to man nearby Fort Slocum. In 1921 a marble rostrum was dedicated to honor of the Battle of Fort Stevens, more than 50 years prior. Although time has led to a greater need for maintenance and repairs, the site is still used annually to conduct services for Ft Stevens Day on July 11th of each year.

An additional benefit of the restoration will be space for National Park Service staff to oversee the needs of the Cemetery and other park sites. Restoration will begin in the next few months, and continue through the spring of 2010. During this time, access to the cemetery and Lodge will be limited.

You can learn more about this and other American Recovery and Reinvestment Act projects in your National Parks by visiting this website:

www.interior.gov/recovery/nps



NEW TRAIL to CONNECT VA FORTS

The NPS is collaborating with Arlington and Fairfax Counties, and the City of Alexandria to establish a bicycle route that connects key Civil War forts in Virginia. Alexandria and Arlington staffs are busy mapping the concept bicycle route and the goal is to publish the route on city, county, and NPS websites to encourage recreation and appreciation of the entire ring of defenses. This new concept trail will connect Fort

Willard to Fort Marcy, linking the majority of forts in between.

The NPS and Arlington County are also jointly developing an interpretative walking route between sister forts: Marcy and Ethan Allen. Civil War-themed trail markers, podcasts, and an enhanced website are also planned. The NPS Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program is leading this comprehensive effort.

The Forts Quick Links

Hiking & Outdoors

American Hiking Association

Find hiking resources for outdoor enthusiasts of all skill levels.
www.americanhiking.org

America's Best Idea

Celebrating National Parks

Did you catch the new Ken Burns documentary series on PBS? Want to learn more about how to make a good idea even better?
www.nps.gov/americanbestidea

Civil War History

150th Anniversary of the Civil War

The National Park Service and many others are planning special events in anticipation of reinvigorated interest in this turning point in American history. Visit our American Civil War website for a calendar of events, educational resources and more.
www.nps.gov/civilwar

Featured Partner

Trips for Kids

A national non-profit providing life lessons to disadvantaged youth through bicycling excursion. Programs include nature rides for physical fitness, mentoring and park experiences.
www.tfkmetrodc.org



Featured Fort: Fort Foote

Located six miles south of Washington, Ft. Foote was completed in 1863 to defend against a naval attack along the Potomac River. When you visit, you will see why this commanding perch 130 feet above the Maryland shore of the river, with Ft. Foote's sloping revetments, 20 foot thick earthen walls and cedar post reinforced interior structure were specifically designed to withstand naval shells and moist air.

Directions: Follow Fort Foote Rd west off of Oxon Hill Road accessible from I-495.



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Battleground to Community: Brightwood Heritage Trail

Take a walk through history on this self-guided Cultural Tourism DC Neighborhood Heritage Trail. The adventure begins at 5427 14th Street. Follow the poster-sized signs along this 90 minute walking trail linking the community with the Battle at Fort Stevens. For a trail guide, map and more information visit:
www.culturaltourismdc.org